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Imagine a moment of unseen intervention on your behalf. What would you do if you discovered invisible beings surrounding you? What if you were the key to their survival? SON OF EDEN introduces a world where unseen beings really do exist, love has no limits, and the realization of one's self worth is pivotal.

Tormented by sadness over her mother's death, Emily Wallace wonders if life really has any purpose. Her question is answered when she meets Alexander. After transgressing the laws of his kind, Alexander reveals his true nature to Emily and the two find life without one another is not an option. But forming such a cosmically unique relationship comes with a price. It becomes apparent that some will stop at nothing to ensure an ancient prophecy surrounding these two is never fulfilled. Is the Opposition motivated by knowledge of Alexander's true identity? Or are they more concerned with who Emily is destined to become?

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From Reader Review Son of Eden for online ebook

Jennifer Murray says

I'm going to post a few passages I thought were particularly telling:

our hero describes the MC (to her face)-

"Your beauty far exceeds that of anyone, or anything I have seen in all my existence...for instance, at first glance most people would say your hair is brown, but it's not. It has copper highlights that run throughout it, and when you step out in the sun the red in your hair shines as though it's on fire. Or your eyes. They might seem like a basic hazel but when looked at closely, they have golden specks that shimmer and dance when you are excited. Your thick black lashes generously outline their large almond shape, making them stand out even more... your lips are full and soft and when you get close enough you can see that the tops come to a perfectly sharp point, something I've never seen in all my years. Your skin is like silk that's lightly touched by the sun. Your nose gracefully glides down with a slight upturn that keeps your face looking youthful..."

I think he's trying to say she's pretty. Apparently the prettiest girl in the world.

things get preachy-

"I would never compromise her virtue like that. That's part of the problem with the world today. Too many people are so willing to give up something so sacred at the drop of a hat. Emily is different. She's not that kind of girl."

Which kind of girl would that be, exactly?

Anyway, I love any story involving defense of a structure, but from the above passages this one didn't quite work for me. Compulsively readable, though!

Stacy Sabala says

Book Review- Son of Eden by Brianna J. Merrill

Emily lives with her father. Her mother died of cancer a couple of years ago. Emily has cut herself off from her regular self. She doesn't enjoy shopping or other things she used to. It reminds her too much of her mother. One evening at an auction, an old violin grabs her attention. She must win the bid. However, the violin needs to be restored. On her way to the music shop she meets Alexander, who saves her from a dangerous situation. They are immediately drawn to each other. Emily is shocked to learn who he is and what he does. He is a guardian, her guardian to be exact. Their feelings for each other are unprecedented. He tells her all about himself when no other guardian has done so.

The guardian council isn't sure what to do after the fact, but a prophecy has been foretold. Emily and Alexander are a big part of it. Emily becomes a target as Alexander, with the help of the other guardians, work hard to keep her safe.

I liked this book. Emily is depressed and closed off to others after she loses her mother. She seems to have a good heart and is down to earth considering her financial status. Her dad is humble but smart also. I like the

family dynamics they have. Then Alexander is introduced when he saves Emily. He reveals himself and doesn't look back. His feelings are obvious, and the relationship unfolds sweetly. I loved how they worked together. She was innocent, and Alexander took care of her.

It was a sigh-worthy love story as the two meet and develop a love relationship. They had odds to overcome but they willingly do it together. It was a good start to the series as the main characters are introduced. The romance is sweet, and the battle scenes packed full of danger. I give it a 4 out of 5.

Nicole says

This book was fantastic! The author was nice enough to give me a copy for a review and I am in no way biased this will be a truthful review.

This book starts off with Emily where you learn her history and what she's gone through in life. While at a charity auction she bids on an antique violin even though she doesn't play she feels drawn to it. So while she goes to get it repaired she meets Alexander in some less than great circumstances. She also finds herself having a connection with him as she does to the violin. While she gets to know Alexander she realizes that he's not a normal guy, he's old fashioned and knows more about Emily than he probably should.

This is the start of their amazing journey which leads to some mystery, romance, action and heartbreak. This book was amazing and is a must read!

Kath says

Didn't finish beyond 2/3 through. Couldn't become invested in the characters enough to want to know what happens. The dialogue is unrealistic and way too formal, and I didn't feel chemistry between Emily and Alexander. The storyline itself is an interesting concept, but that alone just didn't make me feel anything.

Tammy Owens says

very good. Loved the strangeness of this story.. The draw in is easy and the book is page turning, jaw dropping, a bit crazy, very different. For a YA/Paranormal Romance novel this is fabulous! other worldly, unseen creatures, a to die for guy and a world unimaginable for most. A great emotional ride thru out the book. you will love it! As I did. Will read more from this author for sure.

Heather says

I'm having a hard time writing this review. I really liked this novel. It was fresh, something different than anything I'd ever read before. This wasn't about angels, or demons or vampires or werewolves. It started out as a story about a girl with a nightmare about an accident she'd had in which she should have died. Instead, she'd been spared. This same girl had her mother die two years ago from cancer and she'd sort of lost her purpose for living. That is until she meets Alexander. He makes her feel alive and happy. And here is the

problem. I don't want to tell you anymore of the story because it's so unique. What Alexander is and why he loves her. And why she loves him. It's sort of insta love, but not really. Not like we see in all the other books.

Alexander is her Guardian and has been for two years. He saved her when she almost fell over the side of a cliff into an icy lake to her death. The accident she keeps dreaming about. He is constantly at her side, except in private moments, and invisible, until he finally decides to show himself to her and that is when life for her and Alexander changes. Because as a Guardian, Alexander isn't supposed to be able to feel love. And yet, he does. And Emily realizes she loves him too after having spent a few weeks with him, not knowing who he was. When Alexander visits his realm, The Guardian Realm, which is Eden and described in beautiful detail, by the author, the Governing Five question him about his relationship and his feelings. Some seem to understand, others are skeptical. But he's not forbidden from showing himself to her (in human form). And he describes his feelings. None can deny that it is love he feels, though they don't see how.

That's where I'm going to stop. There is a lot that goes on for a first novel, yet it isn't confusing at all. The world building is done nicely, completely understandable and I feel like I know exactly what Alexander's world is like when he's away from Emily, which is only when he's summoned. I understand how the Governing Five work, and I understand the Opposition. The author did a great job of introducing this new world with small bits of information at a time. As Alexander explained it to Emily, he was explaining it to us. And then we saw it for ourselves when he was summoned to his world.

The POV of the story is third person but we are really privy to Emily's thoughts and feelings and sometimes Alexander's. There is another boy Rob, who could be a problem later in the series as he seems to be possessive of Emily, but she never liked him. Her father, though loving towards her, isn't too well developed yet. He worries about his daughter but we only know that because Emily says so. He is an important part of her life and seems to be a good guy. We will probably learn more about him later.

My only problem with the novel, and its minor, is that there was some awkward phrasing in some parts. Now because I can't reveal more about the story, I'll say that Alexander is supposed to be just a little older than Emily who is nineteen. But Alexander is also immortal and has been around a long time. Some of this is him and some the author. I didn't expect him to say things like "I didn't want to toot my own horn." It's a good expression and I understand it, I'm just not expecting it from my muscular, make my knees weak, hero.

It's just not a phrase I'd expect from this type of character. Nor would I expect him to "let out a burst of laughter." I'd expect him to chuckle, laugh loudly, laugh heartily, but not let out a burst of laughter.

There were a few other things like that, that while didn't take away from the story, left me wondering. Was it the writer's intention to show his lack of interaction with people. his playfulness or was she just trying not to sound like everyone else? He certainly didn't make any social faux pas'. And he was extremely careful of Emily's feelings. We should all be so lucky!

This is a truly unique story line. The characters are interesting and the new world is unlike any I've heard described before. I haven't read the angel books, but like I said, Alexander isn't an angel. He's a Guardian and he and Emily have a lot to do in the next two books. I can't wait for the next two books in the series and this was written by a mother of five. I'm hoping she'll be able to write them before they're in college!

This book was sent to me by the author's agent and in no way influenced my review of the book. As always I offer a fair and honest review of the novels I read. Oh, and it's very clean. I don't remember any bad words, no sex and some violence but not terrible. I've seen worse on cartoons.

Mackenzie Hampel says

In "Son of Eden" a girl named Emily is depressed, because her mother had recently died. One day she finds herself infatuated with a violin and on her way to pick it up from the thrift shop she gets mugged and a man comes to her rescue. Then she gets to know him better and finds out that he is her guardian angel and is here to watch out for her. But, he has fallen in love with her.

No movie has been made for this book.

I would definitely recommend this book to girls. It is a way cute story about forbidden love that was destined to be. I loved the characters although they could have been a little more developed and the plot was boring at times but it needed to be that way. I still loved it even though it's not my favorite book ever it was fun to read and I would recommend it to anyone who wants likes to causally read like me.

Sam says

Loved it!!! Great, clean, paranormal romance. Good read for any Twilight fans out there. But I also think any person that enjoys fantasy or specifically urban fantasy would really enjoy this.

Gerald Black says

Very well written story about a girl who is struggling with the death of her mother and one day, while going to get a violin restored, is saved from a mugging by a handsome stranger who she is drawn to. She soon discovers he is her guardian and they fall in love which starts events into motion that could change their world forever.

Will continue the series.

Lahni says

One word. Awful. First let me say that I really liked Twilight and yes there are similarities. But there are too many flaws in this book. Where do I start? The writing was horrible. Here is an example: "Alexander continued to hold her in a tight embrace until her supple sobs stopped." Supple means flexible. Sobs can't be supple. She tries too hard to use fancy descriptive words and it usually doesn't work. The dialog isn't believable and the thoughts in italics are used to the point of being distracting.

The story arc is off too. The romance isn't enjoyable because it happens too fast with no build yet literally takes up half the book. The story doesn't really get going until the second half and even then it moves slowly.

The premise of the book is good but the execution is poor. I would not have finished the book if it wasn't a book club read. (The gal who suggested it is the author's sis-in-law.) But the cover is beautiful. :)

Sarah says

Don't read this book. Trust me.

M says

I don't even know how to sum it up rather than to say I sighed a lot. Maybe I've read too many fantasy books and need to switch to something else. I just wasn't into the premise and find myself skimming through the majority of the book. It was a little "preach-y" at times which I found somewhat annoying. I will not be reading anymore of this series.

Chelle says

Not exactly a book requiring all 3 digits of my IQ. Nor was it a book meant for my age bracket. Nonetheless, do we have to be "on" all of the time? Sometimes an exciting piece of what I like to call "brain candy" is just the ticket. It helps take my mind off of my physical pain & the daily stress of my middle son's upcoming graduation.

The heroine of this first book in a series of 3 planned (2 of which have been released) is a young High School girl in this first book of the series. Thankfully there is none of the constant glitter & glamour of "Twilight" which I never made it past the first chapter of. But it *might* dispel some notions about "Guardian Angels" w/out the heroine being twisted with guilt & questions of morality. (I think all of that is what annoyed me about the whole Twilight thing, yet they got on with vampires, werewolves, and what else? I don't remember because I was laughing too hard at the Rift-Trax!)

If you enjoy some "brain candy" with romance & danger. You'll enjoy this. I've already purchased the second for a whopping \$2.99 for my Kindle app. It's a good thing they lowered the price the Fire a mere 2 months after I became a Prime member since my Kindle 2 just died 2 days ago (my 7 inch tablet is heavy!).

Aleli says

When I came across this series and read what this story was about. I knew I would love this series, and I'm glad to say I was right! When I finished reading the two books I just had to write to Brianna Merrill to let her know how much I enjoyed them. Like it told her in my email; I've been trying to find a book with angel-like character who falls in love with a human girl for so long and finally with her series I found it!!!! What won me over were so many reasons but the main one was that I actually believe in the love that the two characters found in one another. With other books from other authors in these type of stories it just wasn't believable to me; to fall in love that fast without any foundation behind it. With Emily I can definitely see why she fell in love with Alexander and I can also see why

alexander fell in love with her.

my second reason for loving this book was the way she describe the world of Eden was amzaingly beautiful. It felt so peaceful just reading about it, so I could only amagine what it would be like to actually be there, if that world existed.

I would love to say more about it but i dont want to ruin it for you people that are thinking of reading it and your just here to see the reviews on it, 'cause that is how I am when I see a book to read; I come to these websites to read what they thought of it

The only thing I can say is that if you get this book, you will for sure love it. for people that have read this genre you will be surprised of the originality of this story and be glad to add this to your collection. for people that are new to this, this is an awesome book to start. it's fast paced, romantic excitng and an absolute page turner.

TO THE AUTHOR: THANK YOU AGAIN (FOR EVERYTHING)

Suzanne says

When a books description alone is as powerful as this one is, its hard to imagine it can be anything less than incredible. I have my heart set on this one!

I was fortunate enough to win this book in a good reads giveaway, so thank you good reads!

On to my review:

This book was excellent! As you can see, I was very excited to read it before I even had my hands on it, and I was not let down. The writing style did seem a bit awkward at first, but as the passion of the story grew, the author found her rhythm, and then the story flowed beautifully.

All of the characters were brilliantly crafted and enjoyable to read about. The love story was interesting, and the twists kept me glued to the cover. Surprisingly, my favorite character was Aldera, who wasn't even a main character, but brought so much to the story.

I'm so glad I had the opportunity to enjoy this story and plan on waiting anxiously for the next one!
